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CLAIMS

1. Method for routing a message or messageset or session
setup request from a first network to a second network, the
message or messageset or session set up request comprising a
first type of address, comprising steps of:
      checking if the first type of address is transformable
to a second type of address using a first database in the
first network,
      deriving the address of a contact point of the second
network in the first network,
      wherein the message or messageset or session setup
request is forwarded to the second network using the contact
point of the second network.

2. A method of claim 1, wherein the deriving step is
done using a second database.

3. A method for routing a message or messageset or
session setup request from a first network to a second
network, the message or messageset or session set up request
comprising a first type of address, comprising steps of:
      checking if the first type of address is transformable
to a second type of address using a first database in the
first network,
      checking requirements of message or set of messages or
session from the message or message set or session set up
request, and
      deciding based on the result of the requirements
checking step, on the routing of the message or messageset or
session setup request.

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4. A method according to claim 3, comprising a step of deriving the address of a contact point of the second network in the first network,

5   wherein the message or messageset or session setup request is forwarded to the second network using the contact point of the second network.

5. A method according to claim 4, wherein the deriving
10   step is done using a second database.

6. A method according to claim 3, where the session or messageset or session set up request is released based on the result of the requirement check in the first network.

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7. A method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the message or messageset or session set up request is forwarded to the contact point, the method further comprising the steps of:

20   deriving the routing address of the session set up request or message or messageset in the second network using a third database;

           routing the session set up request or message or messageset from the contact point to a further network entity

25   based on the derived address.

8. Method according to claims 3 or 7, wherein the checked requirements include media requirements of the message or set of messages or requested session.

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9. Method according to claim 3 or 7, wherein the checked requirements include QoS requirements of the message or set of messages or requested session.

35   10. Method according to any one of the preceding claims,

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wherein a Serving Call State Control Function (S-CSCF) performs the requirement checking step.

11. Method according to any one of the preceding method
5   claims, wherein a Breakout Gateway Control Function (BGCF) performs the requirement checking step.

12. Method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said first or second network or another network
10   involved in routing the message or session setup request, includes a Call State Control Function (CSCF) and a Breakout Gateway Control Function (BGCF), the Call State Control Function (CSCF) and the Breakout Gateway Control Function (BGCF) being adapted to utilize at least partly different DNS
15   databases for translating an identifier of an equipment indicated in the message or session setup request, into a routing information.

13. Method according to any one of the preceding claims,
20   wherein a Control Function, preferably a Dividing Gateway Control Function (DGCF), performs the requirement checking step and takes care of routing incoming traffic from IP multimedia networks.

25   14. Method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the second network includes a breakout element, preferably a Breakout Gateway Control Function (BGCF), and an interrogating element, preferably an Interrogating Call State Control Function (I-CSCF), and an additional path is provided
30   from the breakout element to the interrogating element for routing a message or messageset or session setup request.

15. Method according to claim 14, wherein, when an identifier of the second network included in the message or
35   messageset or session setup request indicates a valid IMS

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identity, the message or messageset or session setup request is routed from the breakout element to the interrogating element, otherwise the message or messageset or session setup request is routed to a media gateway element, preferably a

5 Media Gateway Control Function (MGCF).

16. Method according to claim 15, wherein, when the message or messageset or session setup request is routed from the breakout element to the interrogating element, the

10 breakout element is adapted to drop itself out so that the routing is a normal IMS session.

17. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the contact point is an I-CSCF, BGCF or DGCF.

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18. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the first database is an ENUM DNS database and comprises IMS E.164 identities of the subscribers who have the first network as a home network.

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19. Method according to claim 3, wherein the first database contains E.164 identities of the trusted operators.

20. Method according to any of the preceding claims

25 wherein the first type of address is an E.164 identity and the second type of address is a routable IMS identity.

21. Method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the routable IMS identity is a SIP URI or SIPS URI.

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22. A method for routing a message, messageset or a session set up request in a communication network from a first network of a first type to a second network of a second type, comprising the steps of:

35   initiating a message, messageset or a session setup

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request in the first network

     routing the message, messageset or session set up
request from the first network to a media gateway element of
the second network and

5   routing the message, messageset or session set up
request from the media gateway element to a breakout element
in the second network,
wherein the second network includes a breakout element,
preferably a Breakout Gateway Control Function (BGCF), and a
10   media gateway element, preferably a Media Gateway Control
Function (MGCF).

     23. System for routing a message or messageset or
session setup request from a first network to a second
15   network, the message or messageset or session set up request
comprising a first type of address, comprising:
     checking means for checking if the first type of address
is transformable to a second type of address using a first
database in the first network,
20   deriving means for deriving the address of a contact
point of the second network in the first network,
     wherein the system is adapted to forward the message or
messageset or session setup request to the second network
using the contact point of the second network.
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     24. A system of claim 23, wherein the deriving means is
adapted to access a second database.

     25. A system for routing a message or messageset or
30   session setup request from a first network to a second
network, the message or messageset or session set up request
comprising a first type of address, comprising:
     checking means for checking if the first type of address
is transformable to a second type of address using a first
35   database in the first network,

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further checking means for checking requirements of
message or set of messages or session from the message or or
message set or session set up request, and

deciding means for deciding, based on the result of the
5   further checking means, on the routing of the message or
messageset or session setup request.

26. A system according to claim 25, comprising means for
deriving the address of a contact point of the second network
10   in the first network,

wherein the system is adapted to forward the message or
messageset or session setup request to the second network
using the contact point of the second network.

15   27. A system according to claim 26, wherein the deriving
means is adapted to access a second database.

28. A system according to any of the preceding system
claims, wherein the message or messageset or session set up
20   request is forwarded to the contact point, the system further
comprising:

means for deriving the routing address of the session
set up request or message or messageset in the second network
using a third database;
25   means for routing the session set up request or message
or messageset from the contact point to a further network
entity based on the derived address.

29. A system according to claims 25 or 28, wherein the
30   checked requirements include media requirements of the
message or set of messages or requested session.

30. A system according to claim 25 or 26, wherein the
checked requirements include QoS requirements of the message
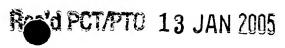35   or set of messages or requested session.

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31. A system according to any one of the preceding
system claims, comprising a serving control function,
preferably a Serving Call State Control Function (S-CSCF),
5   for performing the requirement check.

32. A system according to any one of the preceding
system claims, comprisisng a Breakout Gateway Control
Function (BGCF) for performing the requirement checking step.
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33. A system according to any one of the preceding
system claims, wherein said first or second network or
another network involved in routing the message or session
setup request, includes a Call State Control Function (CSCF)
15   and a Breakout Gateway Control Function (BGCF), the Call
State Control Function (CSCF) and the Breakout Gateway
Control Function (BGCF) being adapted to utilize at least
partly different DNS databases for translating an identifier
of an equipment indicated in the message or session setup
20   request, into a routing information.

34. A system according to any one of the preceding
system claims, wherein a Control Function, preferably a
Dividing Gateway Control Function (DGCF), is provided for
25   performing the requirement check and for taking care of
routing incoming traffic from IP multimedia networks.

35. A system according to any one of the preceding
system claims, wherein the second network includes a breakout
30   element, preferably a Breakout Gateway Control Function
(BGCF), and an interrogating element, preferably an
Interrogating Call State Control Function (I-CSCF), and an
additional path is provided from the breakout element to the
interrogating element for routing a message or messageset or
35   session setup request.

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36. A system according to claim 35, wherein, when an
identifier of the second network included in the message or
messageset or session setup request indicates a valid IMS
5   identity, the message or messageset or session setup request
is routed from the breakout element to the interrogating
element, otherwise the message or messageset or session setup
request is routed to a media gateway element, preferably a
Media Gateway Control Function (MGCF).
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37. A system according to claim 36, wherein, when the
message or messageset or session setup request is routed from
the breakout element to the interrogating element, the
breakout element is adapted to drop itself out so that the
15   routing is a normal IMS session.

38. A system according to any of the preceding system
claims, wherein the contact point is an I-CSCF, BGCF or DGCF.

20   39. A system according to any of the preceding system
claims wherein the first database is an ENUM-DNS database and
comprises IMS E.164 identities of the subscribers who have
the first network as a home network.

25   40. A system according to claim 25, wherein the first
database contains E.164 identities of the trusted operators.

41. A system according to any of the preceding system
claims wherein the first type of address is an E.164 identity
30   and the second type of address is a routable IMS identity.

42. A system according to any one of the preceding
system claims wherein the routable IMS identity is a SIP URI
or SIPS URI.
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43. A system for routing a message, messageset or a session set up request in a communication network from a first network of a first type to a second network of a second type, comprising:

5   means for initiating a message, messageset or a session setup request in the first network,

means for routing the message, messageset or session set up request from the first network to a media gateway element of the second network and

10   means for routing the message, messageset or session set up request from the media gateway element to a breakout element in the second network,

wherein the second network includes a breakout element, preferably a Breakout Gateway Control Function (BGCF), and a

15   media gateway element, preferably a Media Gateway Control Function (MGCF).

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